

Association Information

Goals & Structure

If simplicity is the ultimate sophistication, the Mohawk College Alumni Association is a very sophisticated organization.

When the Mohawk College Alumni Association Ad Hoc Committee laid out the parameters for the Association last year, it wanted to draw up an uncomplicated organizational structure that would allow the Association to meet its objectives without being too cumbersome or bureaucratic.

It succeeded on both counts.

The goal itself is a simple statement of purpose for the Association, yet it is sufficiently broad to provide those who run the organization with enough flexibility to respond to changing situations quickly and effectively.

The Goal, as proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee and approved by the Mohawk College Board of Governors, is:

"... to provide an opportunity for its members to foster, by their own participation, those programs and undertakings which will contribute to the growth, prestige, advancement and good government of Mohawk College and to the growth and expansion of the Association."

The key words are "to foster by their own participation." Clearly, all of the good things of which the Goal speaks will not happen unless the individual Alumnus gets involved in the Association's work.

One potential problem the Ad Hoc Committee noted was that the average Alumnus might be confused by an internal structure which did not have clearly-defined lines of authority or clearly provide the means by which to realize the Association's Goal.

Therefore, the Ad Hoc Committee came up with the following internal structure which has been approved by the Mohawk College Students' Union Corporation (SUC) and the Board of Governors.

Association Members
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Interim Board of Directors
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Executive Committee

The Association membership, for the moment, consists of all graduates of post-secondary diploma program of studies at

Mohawk College or its predecessor institutions, the Provincial Institute of Textiles and the Hamilton Institute of Technology, as well as all area Nursing schools which were incorporated into the College 11 years ago. Honorary memberships are accorded to those non-graduates who have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to the College through an Honorary Diploma or an Award of Merit.

The wide-ranging issue of Association memberships, including Associate Memberships for past and present faculty and staff members and other College officials, will be dealt with by the Interim Board of Directors when it draws up a new Alumni constitution this year.

The Interim Board itself consists of a Chairman, Executive Vice-Chairman, a Vice-Chairman of Programs and Services, a Vice-Chairman of Finance and Development and four Members-At-Large drawn from the Alumni constituency. The Association's Executive Committee consists of the Chairman and the three Vice-Chairmen.

The Interim Board has struck subcommittees to look at the three components of its mandate: Constitution, Programs and Services and Finance and Development. The Constitution Subcommittee is headed by the Executive Vice-Chairman; the other two subcommittees are chaired by the appropriate vice-chairmen. Elsewhere in these pages are profiles of the individuals who hold positions on the Interim Board.

The Interim Board reports to the Board of Directors of the S.U.C. whence comes the majority of the funding for Alumni operations. Later this year, the S.U.C. constitution may be amended to provide a seat on its Board of Directors for the Chairman of the Alumni Association.

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